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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 1999,
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Wiegand. Claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartman in view of Wiegand or Cyr et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection and urge reconsideration in light of the following comments.

The present invention, as defined by Claim 1, is directed to a wall structure comprising a first layer having a density of about 0.5-3 lb./ft³ and a second reinforcing layer selected from the group consisting of a polymer fabric, a biaxially oriented polymeric film and a fiberglass reinforced material directly bonded to the first layer. As discussed in the present specification, the present invention is concerned with the production of a laminate wall structure which is capable of meeting government regulations with respect to transverse wind loading and yet still have maximum mechanical strength and moisture resistance. In the present invention, materials with